

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 21 2025**

RE: H.B. No. 806  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Public Safety and Military Affairs and  
Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 806, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREWORKS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate  
funds for the Department of Law Enforcement to conduct sting  
operations on Oahu to enforce fireworks ordinances or laws.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Law Enforcement, Hawaii State Fire Council,  
Honolulu Police Department, Honolulu Fire Department, Hawaiian  
Humane Society, and seven individuals.

Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this  
measure from the Libertarian Party of Hawaii and three  
individuals.

Your Committees find that illegal fireworks continue to pose  
a threat to public safety in the State. According to the  
Department of Law Enforcement in the testimony provided at the  
public hearing on this measure, effective enforcement of fireworks  
laws requires proactive measures such as sting operations, which  
allow law enforcement to identify and apprehend those who  
distribute and use illegal fireworks. Sting operations would be



strategically designed to target areas with high incidences of illegal fireworks activity, particularly during peak seasons around New Year's celebrations and the Fourth of July. This measure will enhance the Department of Law Enforcement's ability to enforce fireworks laws by appropriating funding to enable the Department to conduct targeted sting operations on Oahu, including necessary personnel overtime, specialized equipment, and operational costs associated with planning and executing effective sting operations.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Making it effective on July 1, 2025; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Public Safety and Military Affairs and Judiciary that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 806, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 806, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Public Safety and  
Military Affairs and Judiciary,



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



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BRANDON J.C. ELEFANIE, Chair





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State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes  
Committee on Judiciary  
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 806, HD 1	PSM/JDC, WAM	3/13/25		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.		✓		
AWA, Brenton			✓	
<b>TOTAL</b>	3	1	1	—
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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